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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF DUKE	)
ENERGY KENTUCY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF	)
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN, INCLUDING AN ENERGY	) CASE NO. 2008-00495
EFFICIENCY RIDER AND PORTFOLIO OF ENERGY	)
EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS	)

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE TO POSTPONE THE SCHEDULED HEARING AND TO ALLOW FOR DISCOVERY ON THE NEW PRE- FILED TESTIMONY OF DONALD L. STORCK

Comes now the intervenor, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention, and moves the Commission to modify the procedural schedule in the action to postpone the scheduled August 27, 2009 hearing date and to allow his office to propound additional data requests concerning the newly filed testimony of Donald L. Storck. As grounds for his motion, the Attorney General states the following.

While the Attorney General does not object to the substitution of Donald L. Storck as a witness to sponsor the testimony of a previous company witness, who is now unable to testify at the hearing, the filing of modifications, corrections and additions with this new testimony has raised issues which the Attorney General has not had the opportunity to address in his previous data requests.

Additionally, it should be noted that the filing of this testimony is clearly untimely as it was filed well beyond the time prescribed in the procedural schedule.

Although the company claims that the witness "adopts" the testimony of the prior witness, Paul G. Smith, a preliminary review indicates that Mr. Storck's testimony also includes modifications and/or corrections to previously filed attachments and a brand new attachment DLS-1, which addresses the allocation concerning the proposed rider with regard to natural gas

customers. These modifications, corrections and additions have not been subject to discovery by

the intervenors. Obviously, this unduly prejudices the Attorney General and any other

intervenors who have now been precluded from any opportunity for discovery on the new

material. Moreover without the additional discovery, the Attorney General will effectively be

denied meaningful opportunity in the evidentiary proceeding with respect to the witness and the

subject matter.

It should be noted that should the Commission allow the company to file additional

testimony at the eleventh hour, then the Commission sets a precedent whereby all utility

companies in the future will consider doing likewise. It is anticipated that such a precedent

would unduly complicate future proceedings before the Commission. The Commission recently

addressed the same situation in Case. No. 2008-00154, Owen Electric Cooperative's application

for an adjustment of its rates. In that case, the Commission agreed with the position of the

Attorney General and postponed the scheduled hearing to allow the intervenors an additional

opportunity for discovery.

WHEREFORE, the Attorney General respectfully moves the Commission to modify the

procedural schedule to postpone the August 27th hearing and to allow for additional discovery

concerning the new testimony of Donald L. Storck.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby give notice that this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009, I have filed the original and ten copies of the foregoing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 and certify that this same day I have served the parties by mailing a true copy of same, postage prepaid, to those listed below.

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